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SENATE RESOLUTION 96

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION To commend Jocelyn Doria Tartock Mims for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, Each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jocelyn Doria Tartock Mims is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Rosalind Kurita; Jocelyn's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, A student at Austin Peay State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Jocelyn has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science, minoring in History and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; she is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and was the 2000 recipient of the Williamson-Kanervo Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mims, who graduated in the top five percent of her high school graduating class, was the first student at Grand Island High School to graduate after three

years; she was the 1970 Gold Medal Winner in the Erie County Science Fair and was a 1975 winner of a New York State Regents Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Jocelyn has been accepted to the Vanderbilt Law School Class of 2004 as an Early Decision candidate, and is the recipient of a \$10,000 per year scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mims has been a student at State University College of New York at Buffalo and attended Oberlin College in Ohio; she has also attended Nashville State Technical College, the University of Kentucky and Louisiana State University, where she obtained her Paralegal certificate; and

WHEREAS, Since the early 1980s, Jocelyn has worked in photography, as a travelling photographer, studio portrait photographer, and as a photo finisher, as well as a two-month stint as a mortgage credit reporter; while in Baton Rouge she worked as a paralegal in the firm of DeGravelles, Palmintier and Holthaus, and since May 1 of this year has worked as Executive Secretary to Senator Kurita; and

WHEREAS, Eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Mims brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2001 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2001 legislative session, Jocelyn has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she has consistently manifested a cheerful and positive attitude, working hard to accomplish her assigned responsibilities and interacting in a cooperative manner with the office staff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mims has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; her conscientiousness and thoroughness as a researcher and the clarity and completeness of her work products were outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Jocelyn Doria

Tartock Mims for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Rosalind Kurita and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.